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(FOR TODMAN PARTY AND AGATTACHE)

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SUBJECT: TITLE I, PL-480 FOR GUYANA, TALKING POINTS FOR
AMBASSADOR TODMAN

1. INTERAGENCY STAFF COMMITTEE APPROVED TITLE I, PL-480
PROGRAM ON NOVEMBER 23 AS FOLLOWS: 1500 METRIC TONS VETE-
TABLE OIL, 3600 METRIC TONS WHEAT FLOUR, AND 100 METRIC
TONS TOBACCO. TOTAL DOLLAR VALUE OF COMMODITIES AT CUR-
RENT PRICE ESTIMATES IS 2.06 MILLION.

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2. TERMS ARE AS FOLLOWS: INITIAL PAYMENT 10 PERCENT;
CURRENCY USE PAYMENT 5 PERCENT; TWO YEAR GRACE PERIOD AND
REPAYMENT IN 19 ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS; INTEREST RATE DURING
GRACE PERIOD 2 PERCENT; CONTINUING INTEREST RATE 3 PERCENT.

3. THIRD COUNTRY CONSULTATIONS WILL START IMMEDIATELY
AND WE HOPE THAT NEGOTIATION WITH GOG ON AGREEMENT CAN

BEGIN ABOUT DECEMBER 12. (NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.) IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT GOG SHOULD REQUEST PURCHASE AUTHORIZATIONS. THE AGREEMENT WOULD NOT COVER ANY PURCHASES CONTRACTED FOR PRIOR TO THE RECEIPT OF PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION FROM USDA.

4. FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION: TOBACCO WAS NOT INCLUDED IN GUYANESE REQUEST BUT WAS INCLUDED AT SUGGESTION OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN ORDER TO BRING DOLLAR VALUE OF PROGRAM TO THE 2 MILLION DOLLARS REQUESTED. AVAILABLE DATA WILL NOT SUPPORT HIGHER AMOUNTS OF EITHER OIL OR WHEAT FLOUR. IF GUYANESE APPEAR TOTALLY UNINTERESTED IN TOBACCO, IT CAN BE EXCLUDED IF EMBASSY SO INFORM US.

5. IN VIEW OF ABOVE AND DISCUSSIONS WHICH OCCURRED AT INTERAGENCY SESSIONS WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING REVISED TALKING POINTS ON THIS SUBJECT FOR USE DURING VISIT:

-- I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT A TITLE I, PL-480 PROGRAM FOR GUYANA HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE CONCERNED AGENCIES OF THE USG. WE WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY TO CONDUCT THE REQUIRED THIRD COUNTRY CONSULTATIONS, WHICH SHOULD TAKE TWO WEEKS. OUR EMBASSY WILL THEN CONTACT YOU TO NEGOTIATE THE EXACT LANGUAGE OF THE AGREEMENT. (FYI. JOHN BLACKEN INFORMED US ON HIS RETURN THAT THE GUYANESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPEAR TO BE HOPING FOR SHIPMENTS OF PL-480 BEFORE CHRISTMAS SEASON. THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE. THE TIME INVOLVED IN CONSULTATIONS, NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT, LETTING OF BIDS, CONTRACTING SHIPS AND TRANSIT WOULD NOT PERMIT SHIPMENTS TO ARRIVE THAT EARLY. END FYI.)

-- (SHOULD THE GUYANESE INQUIRE AS TO POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL PL-480 IN THIS FISCAL YEAR). WHETHER OR NOT GUYANA RECEIVES ADDITIONAL PL-480 WILL NATURALLY DEPEND ON YOUR NEED FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE, USG BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS, AND ON YOUR REACHING AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF ON A STANDBY AGREEMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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